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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **GROUP 1743** PATENT APPLICATION

Group Art Unit: 1743

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kaname MIWA, et al.

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SENSOR ELEMENT AND GAS SENSOR

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Responsive to the outstanding final Office Action of April 24, 2001, three times extended from July 24, 2001 to October 24, 2001, by the filing of an appropriate petition and payment for an extension of time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21 and 25-29 without prejudice.

The claims are amended as follows:

A\sensor element comprising negative and positive electrodes 16. (Amended) disposed on the same side of a solid electrolyte substrate and a circuit for applying an electric potential between said negative electrode and said positive electrode, wherein

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